

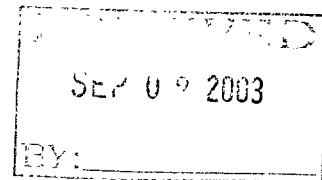


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August 13, 2003



Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter will serve as a 30-day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on our Stress Formula with Zinc supplements under the CVS label:

Ingredients: Vitamin C, Vitamin E, Thiamin, Riboflavin, Niacin, Vitamin B-6, Folic Acid, Vitamin B-12, Biotin, Pantothenic Acid, Zinc, Copper.

- B-Complex with Folic Acid, plus antioxidants C & E.
- The B Complex Vitamins help with energy metabolism and nervous system health, which are important for reducing everyday stress.
- This formula also contains Zinc, which supports the immune system.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

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Director of Nutrition Communications

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